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# SHADY ACTIONS

## Murky details emerge surrounding prostitution

complaints that he just

made the girls really uncomfortable."

**Housing and Dining Employee** comes forward with limited information about procedures

Sam Diederich

Editor's Note: The Collegian has changed the names of students involved with this story in order to protect their identities.

In February, the Riley County Police Department arrested nine people for charges related to prostitution. Among the handful of people arrested was a K-State resident assistant from West Hall.

At the time of the arrest, K-State Housing and Dining Services "There were a lot of

declined to discuss any details regarding the arrest, hiring process or background of the RA.

This week, a Housing and Dining employee familiar with the situation came forward to speak about the details of the dilemma,

but did so on the condition that his identity was protected.

Mark\* said the Housing and Dining emlovee arrested on the charge of patronizing a prostitute was never passed through the standard hiring process for resident assistants.

"He applied to be an RA and they rejected him, and then he applied again the next year and they rejected him again,"

However, when the residence halls were rushed with an overflow of students at the beginning of this academic year, Housing and Dining hurried to add more resident assistants to the staff.

"What happened was when the overflow problem came this year, they needed an RA right away and they just came up with a list of names, and his name was on the list," Mark said. "There was one person doing interviews and they did one interview per candidate, and they decided to hire him.

Soon after the start of the fall semester, Housing and Dining was able to relocate all of the overflow students, which left the RA without a job. However, a position opened up in West Hall, and the RA - who now had experience as an overflow RA - was hired for the position after only one interview.

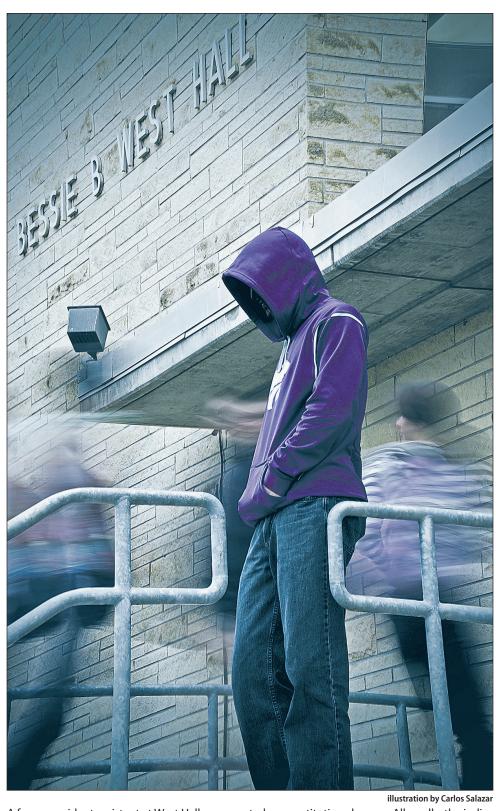
"He kind of slid in the back door when they needed someone right away," Mark said. "I think overall, Housing and Dining did a good job finding places for overflow stu-Mark **Housing and Dining Services** dents to live, but I also Employee think it caused them to

take a couple shortcuts

when they were deciding on staff." Officials from Housing and Dining did not respond to phone calls, but did state in an e-mail that all resident assistants and multicultural assistants go through a thorough interview process.

All of the RAs and MAs hired for the residence halls went through the entire

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A former resident assistant at West Hall was arrested on prostitution charges. Allegedly, the individual had not been subjected to the standard hiring process for resident assistants.

## Horticulture team rakes in competition awards, grows K-State national reputation

#### First place finishes honor students and faculty alike

**Annarose Hart** 

K-State students attended the 35th Annual Student Career Days and PLANET competition. Though they did not go to revive Pluto as an official planet of the solar system, they did participate in a variety of different competitions and workshops to make the world a prettier place

through landscaping.
Student Career Days is a four-day event that horticulture students from colleges and universities across the country attend to compete in events directly related to careers in the horticulture industry. Joliet Junior College in Illinois hosted this year's event from March 17-20.

The K-State Landscaping Contracting Team was made up of 26 students and five faculty members, including Don Boggs, associate dean of the College of Agriculture. They received 1st Place Most Involved Team out of over 60 teams that participated from across the country and more than 900 students. There are some specific team events in the competition, but most are individually based.

To be selected to be a part of the team, Horticulture



Ethan Tegethoff | Collegian

**Stuart Sprague**, a Junior in Horticulture Science, waters plants in one of the Horticulture

Club students were required to fill out an application. The PLANET team captains, Brett Grauerholz, senior in horticulture, Ryan Windholz, senior in horticulture and Billy Malone, senior in horticulture, put students in the competitive events based on the skills they brought to the team. Cathie Lavis, assistant professor of horticulture, and Gregory Davis, associate professor of horticulture, coached the team and assisted with the selection process.

Department greenhouses by Throckmorton Hall on Wednesday. K-State was the only school with a national champion in two separate events. This year, Kasey Coad, senior in horticulture and landscape design, received first place in both landscape maintenance and

leadership skills. "Having gone last year, I knew that going back this year I had nothing to lose," Coad said. "Rather than trying to attain what other people have in the past. I wanted to set the bar higher. I went in with no regrets." His landscape maintenance team also won first

Justin Brock, sophomore in horticulture, was awarded first place individual in irrigation design, earning a free four-day trip to the Irrigation Show in San Diego, Calif.

He said the most important parts of PLANET were networking and establishing contacts. Brock also has the opportunity to attend the American Society of Irrigation

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## K-State sustainability conference hosted

#### Sustainability seen as priority, immediate changes called for

Annarose Hart

The think tank for the 3rd Annual K-State Sustainability Conference met in the Big 12 Room in the K-State Student Union on Wednesday. Professors, industry professionals and faculty from higher education institutions gathered to model the way Kansas practices sustainability in every aspect of life. The conference, which ends Thursday, was developed to bring people to-gether who recognize the need to educate others about sustainability and find a solution to create

change. Ben Champion, K-State's first director of sustainability, organized the conference. Champion's job is to develop a university-wide approach for addressing sustainability at K-State. As director he has facilitated efforts of K-State faculty already making positive change, and found new

opportunities for sustainability. Champion said one of the biggest challenges is picking and choosing priorities in a balanced way without breaking the bank. He said there is a decentralized decision-making process at K-State. "I acknowledge that it has benefits but we need the ability to make decisions rapidly and comprehensively," he said. "Today is an experiment."

To begin the initial discussion,

Champion shared lines from a speech from Elizabeth Coleman, president of Bennington College: "What kind of world are we making? What kind of a world should we be making? What kind of a world can we be making?'

Coleman's words shared insight into the social values of sustainability. According to her, people tend to continue with business as usual with an unsustainable stagnant model instead of changing behavior to make an impact at universities.

This created a conversation about how people tend to leave well enough alone. Participants agreed with Coleman that higher level education needs to stop thinking small.

"This will mean rethinking what we do: radical rethinking of basic assumptions, beginning with our priorities," Champion said while reading from Coleman's speech. K-State has gained certification for several LEED buildings. Champion said more needs to be done.

Professionals at the meeting agreed that there is a fragmentation in topics within higher-level education. After the 2010 conference, K-State Sustainability created around eight working groups made up of stakeholders of K-State education. Additionally they have built a partnership between K-State and the Flint Hills Technical College. The town of Marysville, Kan. has started community discussions on sustainability. Junction City has hosted

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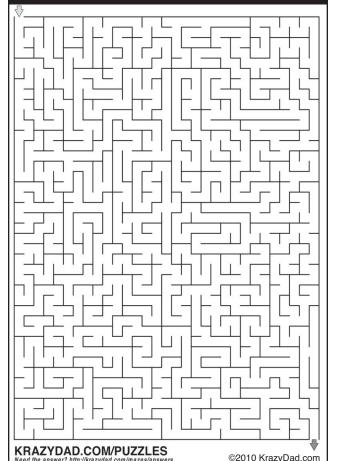
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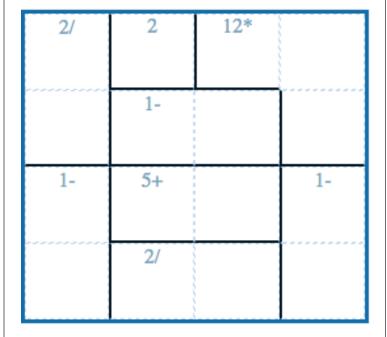
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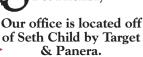
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## Courting a Woman: A Survival Guide for the Modern Man



My first memorable encounter with a member of the opposite sex happened in the awkward time we call middle school, with a girl named Emily. I was hoping she'd be my girlfriend, and like all hormone-filled adolescent boys, I felt like my pride and reputation depended on whether or not I could secure the coveted title of "official couple."

One day, I was sitting next to Emily on the bus, engaged in small talk, when I made what I interpreted to be a small comment in passing.

"Wow, I never really noticed before, but your arms are a lot hairier than most other girls I

I guess it's no surprise she didn't talk to me for six months after that. But that's the problem. We're always told to "be ourselves" and to "loosen up." But that's horrible advice, because being ourselves at least right off the bat - means offhand, albeit innocent comments.

The solution? Know thy opposition. This weekly 10 is how to get

- and keep - a woman. 1. Don't be awkward

This could easily be the cardinal rule of getting to know anybody, but it especially applies to women. So guys, ditch the awkward guy-who-stands-at-the-edge-ofthe-dance-floor-eyeing-the-girlhe-likes persona. When you talk to a girl, make her comfortable. Don't stare at her face and expect things to work out, because many women will expect you to drive the conversation. She's probably just as nervous, especially if she likes you. Be welcoming and open, and you'll have an easier time.

2. Give her space without appearing uninterested

As men, we've always been told not to appear too interested and to put on a detached, nonchalant attitude. That always backfires. Give her space, but invite her to do things with you. If she says she's busy, give her the benefit of the doubt. Find a balance between hanging out too much and seeing each other too little, and the times you are together will be interesting and enjoyable.

3. Be a gentleman

Chivalry is here to stay. Women often still expect romance to be old-fashioned. Doing little things

for her will make her day, and being polite and well-mannered will speak volumes. Don't fart or belch around her - that's something to save for beer and pool with the guys. Be courteous and classy, and make her feel like a woman you

#### 4. Let yourself be vulnerable

Letting someone in close enough to hurt you is something many people struggle with. But the conversations you have when you open up can be life-changing. Letting her see your weaknesses and insecurities can be one of the hardest things you do, and everyone opens up at their own pace. Honest, deep conversations are often what relationships, or potential relationships, survive on. Get to know her and let her get to know you; it's a simple giveand-take. As soon as you can get yourself to open up, your lady-tobe will love hanging out with you.

5. Retain your identity

No matter how much you're around your girl, or anyone, for that matter, be the person you were when you met her. Sure, some things might change. But if you feel yourself becoming a totally different person, it's time to take a step back and reevaluate. The sum of the whole is greater than each of its parts, but if the parts are not wholly intact, there is no connec-

#### 6. Try new things

Nobody likes to do the same things over and over again. Take the initiative to plan something creative, and change things up once in a while. This will keep her engaged, and she won't ever get

#### 7. Show her off

The thing women love the most is to hear you talking them up. When you can compliment them publicly, your lady will see how proud you are to be with her. Flaunting her a bit conveys the message that you feel lucky to be with her and you want everyone

#### 8. Be committed

Nothing is worse than cheating because it tears down the trust in a relationship. If you show interest in a girl, don't "cover your bases" by flirting around. Communicate to her that you truly want to get to know her, and she's not just another one of your conquests.

#### 9. Learn from each other

Every interaction you have is a learning experience. You learn the do's and dont's, and every lesson you learn will help you be a better friend and significant other. Use these lessons to resolve issues and



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Giving her flowers could give you major bonus points.

keep a healthy relationship.

#### 10. Communicate honestly You have to learn how to talk and show her what is or isn't cool with you. Don't let issues build up

and then deal with them explo-

sively. The more you can learn to show and tell her what makes you happy, the easier dating will be for both people.

So after our awkward hair follicle interaction, Emily and I ended up being good friends. If you don't want to be shunned for six months, however, try and keep these rules

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## New Nintendo handheld 3DS

Parker Wilhelm staff writer

It seems like everything is built around 3-D technology these days. From movies being filmed in 3-D to advertisements promoting the latest 3-Dcapable televisions, you can't get away from it. That said, not everyone is willing to jump on board the 3-D trend just yet. For some, the use of glasses might be expensive and cumbersome for private use. For others, 3-D can be uncomfortable if the effect is turned up too high, which causes strain on the user's eyes as they try to blend the two images into one three-dimensional shape.

Enter the Nintendo 3DS: the successor to the best-selling line of Nintendo DS handhelds. The 3DS is a versatile piece of hardware that sports many features, from common ones like an Internet browser and music player to more unique applications like augmented reality games powered by the 3DS' camera. For example, the built-in game "Face Raiders" lets players lob projectiles at enemies shaped from pictures taken of friends and family.

However, the chief feature that's attracting a lot of buzz is the system's ability to play games in 3-D without the use of special glasses. The specific effect used is called stereoscopic 3-D, in which two images, one positioned slightly to one side, blend together to create an image with depth. Eyes individually see in 2-D, but then the brain melds them into one image, allowing humans to see depth.

The 3DS uses this same concept, displaying two images simultaneously on the screen. A parallax barrier, which is a filter put on the screen that 'bends' one image in front to the left eye and one to the right, creates a sweet spot in the middle where the two 'bent' images converge into one 3-D picture for the user



"It's like looking into a window," said Andrew Lenz, freshman in kinesiology.

Lenz purchased the 3DS this past Sunday when the system was first released.

"It has depth," he said. "3-D [that uses glasses] feels more like layers in front of a screen; this is more into the screen." Taking a lesson from the Vir-

> "It's like looking into a window."

Andrew Lenz. freshman in kinesiology.

tual Boy, Nintendo's first venture into 3-D graphics that was released in 1995 and met with disappointing sales and reports of eye strain and headaches, the 3DS features a depth slider that alters the strength of the 3-D effect for maximum comfort. The depth can be adjusted anytime during gameplay to maximize the eye-popping visuals while minimizing headaches.

"It's really useful," said Lenz. "If I start getting a headache, I can just adjust the slider."

The 3-D feature can be turned off, allowing users to play in traditional 2-D, the recommended setting for younger children. Between eliminating the glasses and allowing users to adjust the 3-D effect to their liking, the Nintendo 3DS seems to be taking the right precautions and could make 3-D more accessible than it has

ever been. Because parallax barrier technology only works at a specific viewing angle, the effect isn't suitable for larger screens like televisions or movie theaters, but it's ideal for a handheld gaming device being handled by one person at a time. In fact, manufacturers like LG Electronics have already made plans to release smartphones that use the same glasses-free technology as the 3DS. One day handheld devices that boast 3-D technology might become commonplace, and while some consider it to be just a fad, they can rest assured that at least they won't be constrained to those clunky spectacles anymore.

## What's Appening in Aggieville?

staff writer

Have you ever wondered how much domestic bottles cost at Porter's Bar, or how much shots cost at Kite's Grille and Bar? Well, now you don't have to walk down to Aggieville to find out.

Thanks to a trio of computer engineering seniors at K-State, your barhopping journey is now a whole lot easier. Pulsar Productions, an application development group founded by students Christian Duranleau, Craig Mouser and Steve Rubenthaler, recently released "Aggieville."

"Aggieville" is a free app dedicated to bar patrons in Manhattan. It features nightly ratings, news, descriptions, food prices and drink specials of Aggieville bars and restaurants

as well as SafeRide information. The app currently features 12 bars and restaurants, but the creators plan to add more establishments. It is available on Apple devices. This is the third app released by Pulsar Productions, and it has garnered the highest demand.

'We have had a huge response for 'Aggieville' and people are asking for an Android version. So we're jumping into that now," said Mouser.

The rating system has caused some Aggieville bars to go above the rest to earn the top distinction. Aggieville's Ale House had a promotion for a free drink if you showed that you had the "Ággieville" app on your phone.

Currently, Ale House is ranked first among the bars on

the app. "There's been a lot of buzz about the app," said Andy Beye, junior in finance and Ale House bartender. "It's helped us bring in more business and I think it creates an added competition among the bars."

Sometimes it comes down to whoever does the most ad-



Illustration by Carlos Salazar

The Aggieville iphone app has drink specials and reviews for several bars in Aggieville.

vertising wins, but I think the prices speak for themselves," Beye said. "If you offer good specials, the people will come to your place, and I think that is why the app is so good. People don't have to walk around looking at signs, they can look at their phone and find everything they need."

So, now that you've down-loaded "Aggieville," how do you determine what other apps to get? With so many pointless ones out there, it's getting difficult to determine which apps are worth downloading.

According to Apple.com, 350,000 apps are available to download in the Apple App Store. For all of the anti-Apple folks out there, don't worry, there are plenty of apps available for you too. According to androidforums.com, more than 250,000 apps are available for Android.

With apps ranging from how to calculate a tip for your hairdresser, to watching every game of the NCAA tournament, to simulating thermonuclear wars, there is seemingly an app for everything.

So, how do you decide which ones are worth your time or money?

The new website, mobilewalla.com, makes finding the right apps easy and painless. According to Mobilewalla's "about us" section, the site has a real time rating and ranking system for every category of mobile app available on Apple, Android, Blackberry and Windows 7. Users can search by platform,

category, keyword or developer. When you click on an app, you are given a description, images of the app in use, similar apps, Mobilewalla's score, comments and other information.

While there are plenty of benefits to Mobilewalla, some improvements could be made. The search is fast, but you have to be pretty specific or you may not find what you need. Also, the site is not compatible with Internet Explorer, only Firefox, Safari or Chrome.

There are many ways to download apps, and many sites to download them from. Researching them on Mobilewalla can prevent you from making ill-advised purchases on junky, worthless apps; unless, of course, you're like most of us and enjoy buying junky, worth-

# VICTORY LAP

## Wildcats crush Northern Colorado in series finale



Anthony Drath | Collegian

Freshman outfielder, Jared King, sprints up the first baseline after hitting the baseball during the game against Nebraska on March 16 in Tointon Stadium.

**Tyler Scott** senior staff writer

The Wildcats baseball team came out of the cage strong to win their final game of the series against Northern Colorado 16-3 at Tointon Family Stadium. K-State scored 10 runs in the first inning, which was the most scored by the Wildcats in a single at bat since they scored 11 runs against South Dakota State in

Junior infielder Jason King hit two home runs and had seven more batted in. It was his first career multi-home run game and his seven runs batted in were the most since Drew Biery had nine in 2006.

"He's made some really nice adjustments and those were some of the best swings I've ever seen him take," said head coach Brad Hill.

King's brother, freshman outfielder Jared King, went 3-for-4 with four runs batted in.

'Jared's been working extremely hard trying to get some things corrected," Hill said. "It was something good to see the hard work pay of today. That's what you hope for when they work so hard at something and

it continues to pay off for them." Junior pitcher Justin Lindsey threw four shutout innings, while allowing just three hits and one walk.

Northern Colorado did not get on the board until the sixth inning.

The Bears' T.J. Berge hit a double, while Casey Coy knocked him in for their first run of the game. Tony Crudo came to bat next and hit a triple, scoring Coy. Crudo finished the game going 2-for-3 with one run scored and one batted in.

Colorado's starting pitcher Chris Carlberg only pitched two-thirds of the first inning, allowing 10 runs on five hits.

K-State's junior infielder Wade Hinkle had been battling a slight hand injury in the beginning of the season, but succeeded in going 3-for-5 with two runs scored and

one run batted in. "Getting more and more at bats helped out a lot," Hinkle said. "I'm glad I waited a little bit to get back into a groove."

With the win, the Wildcats improved to 15-9 on the season while Northern Colorado dropped to

K-State will next open up a three game weekend series against Texas A&M on Friday. First pitch is sched-

uled for 6:30 p.m.

Hill said the Aggies present one of the better competitions in the Big

12 Conference. "Their coming in with a team

earned run average of 1.59," Hill said. "It's going to be very competitive. There's not many holes in their lineup and it's going to be hard to

## Pullen deemed All-American All-Star, wins awards

**Stephanie Carr** 

sports and multimedia

Jacob Pullen is going to need one large trophy cabinet for his accomplishments at K-State. This week, the senior guard was named as the winner of two national awards and placed on the roster for collegiate all-star activities.

On Tuesday, Pullen became the first Wildcat to win the Frances Pomeroy

Naismith Award from the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. The prize is given to the best six foot and under senior in the country.

"The combination of [Pullen's successes on the court and his achievements in the

> the award. KU's Sherron Collins won it in 2010. On Wednesday, Pullen's name was on the list when the Los Angeles Angels Athletics club released the 10-player roster of the John R. Wooden All-American team. Nearly 1,000 members of collegiate basketball's media circle voted for the award, which is based on player performance

of the hall of fame.

classroom as a student-ath-

lete make him a deserving

recipient who exemplifies

the qualities this award is de-

signed to celebrate," said John

L. Doleva, president and CEO

This is the second consecu-

tive Big 12 player to receive

proof of progress toward graduation. Pullen is the third Wildcat to make the Wooden All-American team, following Michael Beasley in 2008 and

through the Élite Eight, char-

acter, academic performance

above a 2.0 GPA and required

Rolando Blackman in 1981. The list featured members from three NCAA No. 1 seeded teams with Marcus Morris from Kansas, Jared Sullinger from Ohio State and Nolan Smith from Duke. Filling out the roster was Jimmer Fredette from BYU, Ben Hansbrough from Notre Dame, JaJuan Johnson from Purdue, Kemba Walker from Connecticut, Kawhi Leonard from San Diego State and Derrick Williams from Ari-

zona. The five players with the most votes will attend the

Jeniffer Heeke | Collegian Senior guard, Jacob Pullen, drives past a Wisconsin

player during the game Mar. 19 at the McKale Memorial Center in Tucson, Ariz. Pullen competes in the State Farm Three-Point Champoinship tonight and the Reese's College All-Star game on Friday in Houston, Wooden Award Gala on April 8. One of those players will walk away from Los Angeles with the title "College Basket-

ball Player of the Year." In the meantime, Pullen will keep busy with all-star activities preceding the Final Four matchups in Houston. After leading K-State with 74 baskets from the arc this season, Pullen will compete in the State Farm College 3-Point Championships. This competition and the College Slam Dunk contest will air at 8 p.m. Thursday on ESPN2 from the University of Houston's Hofheinz Pavillion.

On Friday afternoon, Pullen will play for the East Team in the Reese's College All-Star Game. The East will be coached by Bill Foster and Jeff Jones. His teammates will be Lavoy Allen from Temple, Brad Wanamaker and Gary McGhee from Pittsburgh, Chris Warren from Ole Miss, Jimmy Butler from Marquette, Austin Freeman from Georgetown, Dwight Hardy from St. John's, Mike Davis from Illinois and Vlad Moldoveanu from American.

The West All-Stars include: Tai Wesley from Utah State, Malcolm Thomas from San Diego State, Cameron Jones from Northern Arizona, Gary Johnson from Texas, Tristan Thompson from North Texas, Mickey McConnell from St. Mary's, Alec Stephenson from USC, Kalin Lucas from Michigan State, Kenneth Faried from Morehead State and Andrew Goudelock from College of Charleston. They will be coached by Billy Tubbs and Steve McClain.

These 20 seniors will hit the hardwood in Reliant Stadium on Friday at 4:30 p.m. Fans can catch the action live on TruTV.



## Referees never to blame



March Madness is the heartthrob of college basketball fans. While I'm sure referees enjoy the challenge of it, the huge popularity of the sport has exponentially increased the scrutiny on their split-second decision-making. March is made of one-point, two-point and three-point games that come down to the wire. But as one who has griped about calls many times, I'll be the first one to say that it's never legitimate to blame the officials.

Yes, "call controversy" runs rampant at this time of year. Some of the most notable examples this time around have been 5-seed Arizona's 70-69 win over 4-seed Texas and 8-seed Butler's 71-70 upset of 1-seed Pittsburgh.

In the 4 vs. 5 matchup, two different instances garnered later consideration: When replayed in slow motion, a five-second call for which referees whistled Texas turned out to be just shy of five seconds, and it looked like there could have been a foul call on the last shot. Obviously, in such a tight game, one which the Arizona Wildcats led 36-25 at the half, those calls influence the outcome of the game. However, something else impacts it more: the other 39 minutes and 50 seconds or so of play and all the mistakes made by players in that time.

Think about it: Each time a player misses a free throw, it's completely on him - certainly no official interference there. For Texas, those misses added up to four points (the Longhorns shot well). In addition to completely uncontested shots, how about missed shots in general? Texas tried 53 times. Twenty-nine of those attempts missed the target and eight of those were launched from 3-point range.

Now how about turnovers? The Longhorns committed 13. That's 13 times they did not get even a shot attempt on a possession. They gave up nine offensive rebounds to Arizona. That's nine times the Longhorns had chance to begin their own possession and instead allowed their opponents to have another. Do you see what I'm saying?

None of this is to cast aspersions on Texas; it is clearly a good team. Rick Barnes is a great coach, and the Longhorns have a successful basketball program. They made one incredible run to get back into the game against Arizona in the second half. Although the referees might have made a few mistakes, the team made more and those are what cost it the game.

The same stipulations apply to the 8 vs. 1 matchup, where referees whistled players of Butler and Pittsburgh for what have been universally deemed "dumb fouls" in the waning seconds of the game. Traditionally, officials have declined to call such indiscretions at the end of close games precisely because they don't want to impact the ending.

In this game, they called what they saw and the calls were correct. Did it impact the game? Yes, but as discussed previously, it did not affect it nearly as much as the six free throws the Panthers missed, the 20 field goal attempts that went astray or the 10 turnovers the team committed.

The truth, while it hurts to hear, is that if a team takes care of business earlier in the game, it won't come down to such a slim margin in the first place.

It's a similar scenario to when you don't write a paper until the night before it's due and then the printer won't work. Then you're at the mercy of your teacher to see if you can get an extension. If the extension is denied, you may say that's not fair, but ultimately the issue is still your responsibility because you put off until the end what you should have done

Here's the good part: Players and coaches seem to have a firm grasp of this reality. There is little to no criticism of officials coming from those who actually participate in the games, at least of which I'm aware.

For fans and some members of the media (whose job it is to create interesting stories that people want to read), it's still commonplace to stir the pot with, "Well if the referees hadn't messed up that call at the end of the game ... " etc. It's fortunate the players and coaches do not pay heed to that mentality, though, because without accountability, there can never be real improvement. That's ultimately what every fan wants his or her team to do.

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## Manhattan strengthens international connections with park

## Construction to start on entrance to City Park

Brittany Stevens senior staff writer

Former Mayor Ed Klimek, the Partner City Advisory Committee, the Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department and donors have put their heads together to revamp one of the entrances to City Park while promoting a budding international relationship.

The large boulders on the corner of Poyntz Avenue and 14th Street disappeared this month as demolition of the site began. In April, construction will commence for the Partner City Flag Plaza, a commemorative entrance to one of Manhattan's oldest parks that will pay homage to the Partner City alliance between Manhattan and a small riverside town in the Czech Republic called Dobrichovice.

Liz Beikmann, vice chair of the committee, said the plaza will draw attention to and honor the partnership and that that area of the park needed something to spruce it up.

The group envisions a peaceful spot to welcome its visitors and hired Bowman Bowman Novick Inc., the architects who completed the Hale Library expansion, to put their ideas to paper.

The design, according to a city commission agenda memo, included an informational panel providing the details of

the partnership, a seating area and modern landscaping in front of a stone wall that reads "Welcome to City Park." The illustration showed four flagpoles that will fly the Manhattan, Dobrichovice, U.S. and Czech Republic flags. The plan also incorporated a sculpture by local Czech American artist Glen Lojka.

At a committee meeting held on March 2, Klimek, chair of the committee, spoke on the progress of ongoing fundraising for the project. The committee has \$35,000 and a goal of \$52,000.

Klimek said he felt pretty enthusiastic about the goal. "I don't have any fears of not reaching that," he said.

The committee developed a website for those wanting to donate from the Czech Republic. Donors can purchase bricks, benches and flagpoles at their suggested values or can give a monetary amount at their discretion.

The partnership with Dobrichovice, made official in 2006, aims to rejoin and further strengthen an already present link between the two cultures.

According to a Partner City Flag Plaza pamphlet, "The relationship has begun a sharing of cultural, educational, youth and civic understanding and friendship between the two cities."

So, what is the connection between Manhattan and a central European country about 5,000 miles away?

Barry Michie, director of

international programs, said a large population of Czech Americans lives in Kansas, including Manhattan. The U.S. Census Bureau reported 18,021 Kansans identified themselves as having Czech ancestry in

Reestablishing this connection is a recent venture because, for nearly 50 years, the rule of the Communist Party made the Czech Republic impervious to travelers, either coming or going. In 1989, the country transitioned to a democratic government — opening the doors for Czech Americans to reconnect with the "old country"

Michie said the Partner City program is a way for people of Czech heritage to make that connection since the links had been broken for over 50 years. "It's a bridge and a connection that people can follow up on if they want to," he said.

Professor Emeritus Joseph Barton-Dobenin, who taught in the College of Business, has been the driving force behind the partnership.

Born into a very wealthy Czech family, Barton-Dobenin immigrated to the U.S. at age 18 when the Communist Party took over and his family lost everything. But, following the Velvet Revolution in 1989, the government reimbursed him.

Known as the "millionaire in one day," Barton-Dobenin, who recently turned 90, granted K-State funds for the International Student Exchange Program to bring Czech students to Manhattan and send K-State students to the Czech Republic. He also worked to help Manhattan select Dobrichovice as its partnership city and gave the initial donation for the plaza.

"The main purpose is just more or less a cultural exchange, learning more about the different cultures — for international understanding," Beikmann said.

Students, public school teachers and Manhattan city

"It's a bridge and a connection that people can follow up on if they want to"

> Barry Michie Director of international programs

officials have made repeat visits to the "bedroom community" as Beikmann calls it.

The partnership not only allows Kansans to follow their roots back to the Czech Republic, it lets others build new ones in both countries.

The Dobrichovice mayor, his family and students from several Czech universities have visited Manhattan.

Marcel Mika, Czech graduate student in computer science, is one of 10 students on exchange and in the HIS host family program at K-State. He chose the state of Kansas for his college study abroad experience because, he said, "Kansas is typical American state."

Mika, who described his culture as "very Americanized," said he knew what to expect before arriving in the U.S., yet he still found differences. After experiencing K-State's course structure, the friendliness and extroversion of the people, the food and, to him, the more morally restrictive nature of American society, Mika said, "Everything is quite different."

While it contributed to his cultural understanding of Midwest America, the exchange made Mika appreciate the place of his upbringing. He said, "I'm really proud of my country."

Beikmann, a member of Mika's HIS host family during his stay, said the Czech students' visits here help dispel the stereotypes about Americans, just as her visits shattered her

"I always hated Communism all my life, but you begin to understand and know why things are there," she said.

Beikmann recalled one Czech student's reaction to Americans. "They were not at all what she thought they would be, and I think that's partly probably what we try to convey with the host family program, with the exchanges and the partnership," Beikmann said.

The partnership benefits the K-State students who remain here on campus as well, Michie said

"You think of kids coming out of, particularly, western Kansas — those towns are usually pretty ethnically homogenous even down to this is the German town, the Swedish town, the Czech town — very, very overwhelmingly white," he said. "And they come here, of course Manhattan is the biggest place they've ever been in their life, and they go through culture shock here. And I swear it's all to the good."

Before acting as the director of international programs, Michie was the director of study abroad. When he helped to start up the K-State study abroad program, only 12 students studied abroad internationally.

He said he has witnessed "a big change" in diversity during his 33 years in K-State and Manhattan.

Michie said now studying abroad is part of the normal expectations of what students do when they come to the university. More African American and Chinese students, faculty, and staff are part of K-State than when he first started working there. This year, K-State has roughly 22,000 students, of whom 1,300 are international.

Although the exchange program, Partner City alliance and the plaza project function independently, they overlap to create intercultural collaboration and understanding.

tion and understanding.

Michie said, "They all have a common goal - making this sort of people-to-people relationship."

The tentative date for the dedication of the plaza is Sept. 26.

# **GROW** | K-State wins horticulture contest

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Consultants Conference

in November.

Two K-State students also received scholarships. Brooke Shultz, senior in horticulture, received the PLANET AEF \$1,000 Ambassador Scholarship – The Marjorie and B.E. Minor Scholarship. Gregg Wertz, senior in horticulture, received the PLANET AEF Scholar \$1,000 scholarship.

"It's a fun time to bond with the Horticulture Club members and network with professionals and students in other schools," Wertz said

Student Career Days also hosted a career fair with over 400 landscaping professionals. This gave the Horticulture Club students the opportunity to meet prospective employers in the industry and discuss manual properties.

employment opportunities.

"Over half the club comes back with internships or jobs from the Career Fair," said Grauerholz. He placed third in compact excavator operation and received two full time ich offers.

full-time job offers.

There were also student and faculty workshops and briefings, which students were free to attend.

Davis said over \$6,000 sponsorship dollars were

collected. He said past graduates of the Department of Horticulture, Forestry, and Recreation Resources donate, and businesses like John Deere and Brickman that have hired K-State graduates are also very generous

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**Gregg Wertz** senior in horticulture

K-State has been participating in PLANET since 2001. Spring break 2012 will be held at K-State. Over 1,100 students and people from the industry will be present and the planning committee expects around 68 teams.

The Horticulture Club has received the College of Agriculture Top Club award for the last three consecutive years at the Ag Awards Assembly, and has lived up to their motto: "We demand perfection, but we accept excellence."

## Pillsbury Crossing popular hangout spot



photos by Carlos Salazar | Collegian

Pictured in the above photos is Deep Creek Falls at Pillsbury Crossing. Pillsbury Crossing is a popular spot to hang out at during the summer. It is located 7 miles southeast of Manhattan.

# **SUSTAIN** | 3rd annual K-State conference

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their 2nd Green Fair. There have been several conversations with Jeff Severin, director of KU's Center for Sustainability.

Severin also serves on the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education. The KACEE's mission is to promote and provide effective, non-biased and science-based environmental education to all Kansans. One of the group's programs is the Kansas Green Schools Program, which involves a partnership with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Corporation Commission State Energy Office, established in 2008. It assists K - 12 schools with securing grant funding to make schools green. The program is only one of the ways KACEE is reaching out to youth.

Conference participants agreed that the potential to change in Kansas sustainability success in higher-level institutions lies within youth education.

"Younger students show more enthusiasm than high

Further information can be found at the K-State sustainability homepage at http://sustainability.k-state. edu. Contact Ben Champion with any ideas about the future of integrated sustainable education at K-State.

school students," said Ken Barnard, professor of aviation at the Salina campus.

Barnard has given numerous presentations about climate change, and was instrumental in Al Gore's initiative training 1000 people on climate change. He is also responsible for already blending sustainability with the curriculum he uses in an accredited professional pilots class about meteorology. Barnard shared the importance of integrating sustainable curriculum in core classes at K-State.

classes at K-State.

Work has already begun on applying for the Environmental Education Grant through the EPA. The funds would be used to increase available public resources and explain what happens in Kansas with sustainable issues. The money would also be used to develop training, marketing and other events to increase awareness of sustainable

education integration. The conference will continue to focus on the critical roles higher education has for educating a sustainable future. To represent the multiple roles higher education must play, the conference will host presentations about sustainable practices for daily living, reports of individual and group research and creative academic activities and conversations about needed transformations in higher education programming.

## Indian association | K-State ride to hold festival

#### First annual Holi to be held at Jardine's Frith community center

**Austin Enns** coverage editor

The Indian Student Association will be holding Holi - the Festival of Colors - from noon to 4 p.m. this Saturday at the Thomas J. Frith Community Center at the Jardine Apart-

Sreekanth Ramireddy, vice president of the Indian Student Association and graduate student in software engineering, said the festival is meant to commemorate the triumph of good over evil.

We are doing it for the first time on campus," said Ramireddy. He said in every

different meanings and is celebrated differently. Ramireddy said common features include participants spilling colors on each other, authentic Indian food and dancing to Holi

The association is only selling 200 tickets for the event, and Ramireddy said the group's booth in the K-State Student Union will stop selling tickets on Thursday.

"The basic highlight of the event is going to be the Indian food, and we are going to have authentic Indian snacks, and it will be an extensive selection, Ramireddy said. "People of all ages can participate?

He said in India participants fill balloons with watercolor paints, but for this event attendees will be flicking biodegradable colors at each

### state in India the festival has Tickets cost five dollars. Births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries and retirements of K-State. Celebrations! will be published the 1st Monday of the following months: Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., Feb., Mar., Apr. and May. To submit your FREE Celebration! go to: kstatecollegian.com/celebrations or call 785-532-6560

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**Paul Harris** 

The K-State equestrian team looks to make its mark among the nation's best in this year's Big 12 Championships in College Station, Texas. The field includes the No. 1 ranked Texas A&M Aggies, No. 4 ranked Oklahoma State Cowboys and No. 5 ranked Baylor Bears. K-State is the lowest ranked team in the field coming in at No. 7.

The Wildcats will take on the top-ranked Aggies (10-1) on Friday. The Cowboys (7-5) and Bears (9-6) will face off on the other side of the bracket. The winners will then be pitted against each other on Saturday in the cham-

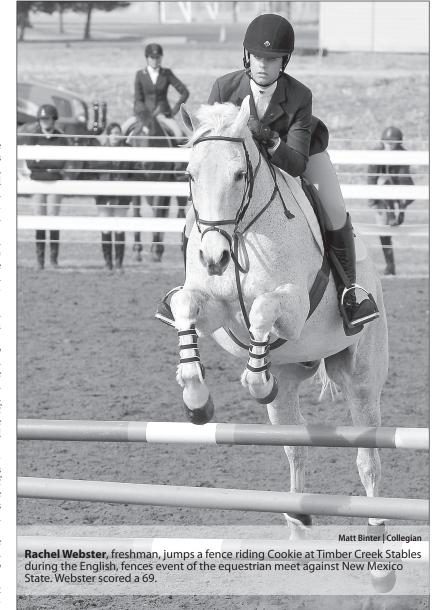
According to kstatesports.com, head coach Casie Lisabeth is excited to see how her team performs against the best of the best.

"The Big 12 Championships is a great step into the National Championship," Lisabeth said. "We know this event will be a huge challenge and hope to continue building on the success we have experienced this spring. Our young team has grown a lot in and out of the arena and we feel like we are entering the postseason in great condition mentally and

Junior Stephanie Patterson is the only returning Wildcat rider to get a win in last year's championship. Patterson has been a model of consistency in English riding all year for the Wildcats with three match-MVP awards this season. Patterson will compete in Equitation on the Flat.

Freshman Kelly Bovaird, who has nine wins this season, leads K-State on the Western side. She will compete in the Horsemanship

K-State is hoping to finish better than last year's fourth place finish in the champion-



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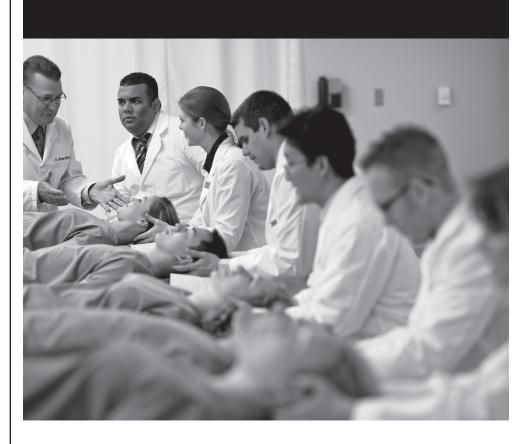


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## Student commendations, funding on agenda for tonight's senate meeting

**Danny Davis** 

At tonight's Student Senate meeting, the senate will hear the introduction of several bills and commendations. The first commendation is for Duane Acker.

Acker was the 11th university president. The Kansas Board of Regents recently approved a K-State request to award Acker emeritus status, with the new title of President Emeritus

The emeritus status is an honor bestowed upon retired professors who have served the university for a significant number of years.

A resolution commending K-State winners of the Kansas Association of Broadcasters' Student Competition is also on the agenda for tonight. In all, K-State won nine of the awards categories with the KSDB Wildcat 91.9

winning six of those categories. K-State students won a total of 26 first-place awards. The next closest school won only eight first-place awards.

Lucas Wempe, senior in mass communication, led K-State with 10 awards.

Another commendation is on the agenda for the K-State Debate Team. The team recently competed in the National Tournament, Championship hosted by the Cross Examination Debate Association.

political science and philosophy, and Derek Zeigler, junior in political science and philosophy, won the final round of the tournament after defeating Towson University in a 6-3 vic-

A bill from the Allocations Committee will address a \$4,390.00 request for funding from the K-State International Coordinating Council (ICC).

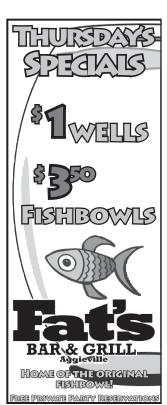
ICC requested the funds to host eight events during International Week, some of which include the International Parade and Game Day and International Panel Discussion. These events are planned to be held at the K-State Student

According to the bill, ICC helps international students become settled in their new cultural environment and brings numerous events to K-State throughout the year.

committee recom-

mended that senate pass an allocation of \$2,250.00 for ICC. On an itemized list, ICC was not recommended to receive funding for supplies and wage, which combined for a total of \$1,490.00 of its request.

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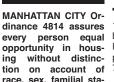
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## **WEST** | RA involved in prostitution

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selection process last January which includes an application, multiple essay questions, letters of reference and then a series of eight interviews," said Nick Lander, assistant director for residence life. "The RAs hired for overflow went through that entire process, as well as an additional interview prior to their hire."

The conflicting informa-tion about the RA's interview process is only half of Mark's concern. The RA had a record of complaints, even before being hired by Housing and

"There were a lot of com-plaints that he just made the girls really uncomfortable," Mark said. "I guess the best way to describe it is he would be hitting on girls who were ten years younger than him, and they didn't appreciate it very much."

The girls would complain about it, but it didn't seem anything ever got done about that," Mark said. "Nobody knew that he was going to see prostitutes, but they did know that there were complaints."

The complaints did not stop after the RA was hired for a permanent position in West Hall.

"I do know that some of the residents had made complaints about feeling uncomfortable around him, but those were for the most part brushed aside until he was arrested, and then the complaints were taken seriously," Mark said. "For some reason, complaints never made it to someone who would do something to resolve the issues."

Complaints made about the RA prior to his hiring as a West Hall staff member were

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also brushed aside during the interview process because of favoritism, Mark said.

"It was just a matter of him being friends with all the right people who were willing to overlook some of the things he had done because he was friends with them," Mark said. "They thought he was a nice guy and maybe he was just being misunderstood.

Housing and Dining officials did not comment on the

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or on the nature of the interview process. "We cannot speak about a

specific staff member's hiring process or other information regarding their employment file," Lander said in an e-mail. Mark said the RA's employ-

ment was immediately terminated after his arrest in the February police investigation. "As far as I know, they got

rid of him pretty much the next day," Mark said. "They removed him from the hall and he hasn't been back since." Mark said the quick removal of the RA was necessary

prevent future mishaps. 'I think the potential is definitely still there, but I also think that the people way up at the top didn't realize that this

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kind of thing was happening," Mark said. "I think that they might be more careful in the future, but it's still possible

that this could happen again."
Housing and Dining declined interview requests, and so the steps taken to prevent a similar incident are unknown, but Mark said the arrest and consequent termination of the RA have not sparked any investigations into complaints made about other resident assistants.

"Not to my knowledge," Mark said.

Pat Bosco, vice president of student life, said that the university is taking steps to prevent another student overflow in the residence halls.

'This next fall, we have plans in place which include modifying our Jardine con-struction projects and wel-coming back the child care center, all of which will ensure that we can accommodate new and returning students that would like to live in organized group living," Bosco

Though Mark said he was discouraged by Housing and Dining's choice to appoint the RA to a position in West Hall, he now believes the dorms will be a safer place as a result of the debacle.

"I think this is probably a onetime incident and I think now that something like this has happened, they have definitely woken up a little bit," Mark said. "It would now even be a safer place than it was before. With the security measures currently in place, the dorms are probably the safest buildings on the entire

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## Possible tuition increase looms

#### Out of state students should expect harder financial increase

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With college comes a myriad of different stresses like homework, tight dead-lines, exams and of course, paying the tuition bill. The next time students receive that e-mail reminding them to pay tuition, they will notice a slight increase in cost: 3.96 percent to be exact.

In the mid '80s, the state funded 60 percent of K-State's budget, but since then, the money allocated by the state has been going down. The decreases have essentially forced the university to find new sources of revenue to pick up the slack and make up for the loss in funding. One method of easing the slack is raising tuition.

"We're trying to be as modest as we can," said Danny Unruh, student body president. "I honestly

believe that K-State is the best deal in the Big 12; best deal in the region when you look at tuition."

The change in tuition rates may not affect all students equally. "I think in-

state you're not

**Student Body President** going to see that much difference," Unruh said. "Out of state students, yes. That just comes

with the territory. According to the K-State website, an out-of-state freshman with an average of 14 credit hours pays \$16,520 for tuition and a Kansas resident pays \$6,228 for the same

course load. "Every increase hits out-of-

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**Danny Unruh** 

state tuition a lot harder than it does in-state," said Brad Craig, senior in finance. "It's a lot bigger of a deal each time it goes up."

"As an in-state student I can see the tuition greatly affecting me but not changing whether I can still attend this university or not," said Ethan

Sageser, sophomore in pre-journalism and mass communications. "I'll still probably have to make some sacrifices that I don't do now, maybe work more and give up certain things.



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